and at such time as the Secretary acting through the Service may prescribe. ¹ However, an application must indicate:

- (1) The health profession which the applicant wishes to enter, and
- (2) Whether the applicant intends to provide health services to Indians upon completion of health professions education or training by serving as described in §136.332 or otherwise as indicated on the application.
- (b) Within the limits of funds available for the purpose, the Secretary, acting through the Service, shall make scholarship grant awards for a period not to exceed two academic years of an individual's compensatory preprofessional education to eligible applicants taking into consideration:
 - (1) Academic performance;
 - (2) Work experience;
 - (3) Faculty recommendations;
- (4) Stated reasons for asking for the scholarship; and
- (5) The relative needs of the Service and Indian health organizations for persons in specific health professions.

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§136.323 Scholarship and tuition.

- (a) Scholarship grant awards under this subdivision shall consist of:
- (1) A stipend of \$400 per month adjusted in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section; and
- (2) An amount determined by the Secretary for transportation, tuition, fees, books, laboratory expenses, and other necessary educational expenses.
- (b) The portion of the scholarship for the costs of tuition and fees as indicated in the grant award will be paid directly to the school upon receipt of an invoice from the school. The stipend and remainder of the scholarship grant award will be paid monthly to the grantee under the conditions specified in the grant award.
- (c) The amount of the monthly stipend specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be adjusted by the Secretary for each academic year end-

ing in a fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1978, by an amount (rounded down to the next lowest multiple of \$1) equal to the amount of such stipend multiplied by the overall percentage (as set forth in the report transmitted to the Congress under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code) of the adjustment in the rates of pay under the General Schedule made effective in the fiscal year in which such academic year ends.

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§ 136.324 Availability of list of recipients.

The Indian Health Service will provide to any persons requesting it a list of the recipients of scholarship grants under this subdivision, including the school attended and tribal affiliation of each recipient.

[49 FR 7381, Feb. 29, 1984]

SUBDIVISION J-4—INDIAN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

§ 136.330 Indian health scholarships.

Indian Health Scholarships will be awarded by the Secretary pursuant to 338A through 339G of the Public Health Service Act, and such implementing regulations as may be promulgated by the Secretary except as set out in this subdivision for the purpose of providing scholarships to Indian and other students at health professions schools in order to obtain health professionals to serve Indians.

[42 FR 59646, Nov. 18, 1977, as amended at 50 FR 1855, Jan. 14, 1985]

§ 136.331 Selection.

- (a) The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall determine the individuals who receive Indian Health Scholarships.
- (b) Priority shall be given to applicants who are Indians.

§ 136.332 Service obligation.

The service obligation provided in section 338G(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act shall be met by the recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship by service in:

(a) The Indian Health Service.

¹Applications and instructions may be obtained from the appropriate Indian Health Service Area or Program Office.

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- (b) An urban Indian organization assisted under Subdivision J-6.
- (c) In private practice of his or her profession if, the practice (1) is situated in a health manpower shortage area, designated under section 332 of the Public Health Service Act and (2) addresses the health care needs of a substantial number of Indians as determined by the Secretary in accordance with guidelines of the Service.

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§ 136.333 Distribution of scholarships.

The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall determine the distribution of Indian Health Scholarships among the health professions based upon the relative needs of Indians for additional service in specific health professions. In making that determination the needs of the Service will be given priority consideration. The following factors will also be considered:

- (a) The professional goals of recipients of scholarships under section 103 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act: and
- (b) The professional areas of study of Indian applicants.

§ 136.334 Publication of a list of recipients.

The Secretary, acting through the Service, will publish annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER a list of recipients of Indian Health Scholarships, including the name of each recipient, tribal affiliation if applicable, and school.

SUBDIVISION J-5—CONTINUING EDUCATION ALLOWANCES

§ 136.340 Provision of continuing education allowances.

In order to encourage physicians, dentists and other health professionals to join or continue in the Service and to provide their services in the rural and remote areas where a significant portion of the Indian people reside, the Secretary, acting through the Service, may provide allowances to health professionals, employed in the Service in order to enable them to leave their duty stations for not to exceed 480 hours of professional consultation and

refresher training courses in any one year.

SUBDIVISION J-6—CONTRACTS WITH URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS

§ 136.350 Contracts with Urban Indian organizations.

- (a) The Secretary, acting through the Service, to the extent that funds are available for the purpose, shall contract with urban Indian organizations selected under §36.351 of this subdivision to carry out the following activities in the urban centers where such organizations are situated:
- (1) Determine the population of urban Indians which are or could be recipients of health referral or care services:
- (2) Identify all public and private health service resources within the urban center in which the organization is situated which are or may be available to urban Indians;
- (3) Assist such resources in providing service to such urban Indians:
- (4) Assist such urban Indians in becoming familiar with and utilizing such resources:
- (5) Provide basic health education to such urban Indians;
- (6) Establish and implement manpower training programs to accomplish the referral and education tasks set forth in paragraphs (a)(3) through (5) of this section:
- (7) Identify gaps between unmet health needs of urban Indians and the resources available to meet such needs;
- (8) Make recommendations to the Secretary and Federal, State, local, and other resource agencies on methods of improving health service programs to meet the needs of urban Indians; and
- (9) Prove or contract for health care services to urban Indians where local health delivery resources are not available, not accessible, or not acceptable to the urban Indians to be served.
- (b) Contracts with urban Indian organizations pursuant to this title shall be in accordance with all Federal contracting laws and regulations except that, in the discretion of the Secretary, such contracts may be negotiated without advertising and need not conform to the provisions of the Act of August 24, 1935 as amended, (The Miller Act, 40